

FLOWERING DECIDUOUS BRANCHLETS OF THE JUJUBE, ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA.

Unlike most fruit trees, but more like the grapevine, the jujube bears its flowers and fruit on slender branches which are produced each spring. These look like compound leaves, but are true branches. In autumn the leaves fall first and leave the bare slender branchlets, which subsequently drop of themselves. It remains to be determined what bearing this characteristic has on the relation of the fruiting of the jujube to late spring frosts. Photographed (P19661FS) by P. H. Dorsett, Chico Field Station, May 17, 1916. Natural size.